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SUBJECT: WEST INDIES SUGAR PRODUCTION FOR 1973 AND 1974 ESTIMATES-

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1. REUTERS REPORT DATELINED WASHINGTON JANUARY 4 GIVES SUGAR PRODUCTION FIGURES OF WEST INDIES SUGAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS FOR 1973 AND ESTIMATES FOR 1974. THOSE FIGURES ARE INACCURATE. LATEST REVISED PRODUCTION LEVELS AS FOLL WS: (SHORT TONS)

1973 1974

(ESTIMATE)

JAMAICA 366,240 402,080 GUAYAN 297,588 402,080

TRINIDAD&TOBAGO 205,787 198,240

BARBADOS 130,322 112,000

ST. KITTS 26,121 25,760

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TOTAL 1,026,058 1,140,160 2. UNDERSTAND FROM INDUSTRY SOURCES HERE THAT JAMAICA HAS ALREADY SHIPPED 6,000 SHORT TONS AGAINST 1974 QUOTA. THIS CONFORMS WITH RESOLUTION TAKEN AT RECENT WISA MEETING HERE JANUARY 3 AND 4 TO ATTEMPT COMPLETE SHIPMENT OF US QUOTA BY 30 JUNE AND TO SHIP 28,000 TO 30,000 TONS DURING FIRST QUARTER. RESOLUTION ALSO STATES THAT UK IS STILL FIRST, FYI. ABOVE INFORMATION REGARDING RESOLUTION HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. IT IS BEING HELD PENDING OUTCOME OF CARICOM MINISTERIAL MEETING HERE LATER THIS WEEK, AT WHICH TIME GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN MAY ANNOUNCE INTENTION TO MEET U.S. COMMITMENT EARLY IN YEAR. THIS REPRESENTS ONE MORE STEP TWOARD GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP IN WEST INDIES SUGAR INDUSTRY REGARDING POLICY DECISIONS.

3. LOCAL INDUSTRY OFFICIAL WILL INFORM WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE ARTHUR LEE QUINN TOMORROW(JANUARY 9 OF PRODUCTION ESTIMATES AND ANTICIPATED SHIPPING SCHEDULE. SHOULD QUINN IN TURN INFORM DEPT REQUEST YOU NOT RPT NOT ACKNOWLEDGE HAVING PRIOR INFORMATION. END FYI. KING

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